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To the Department of Justice, Antitrust Division:

Leave Microsoft alone. They have never used force, the threat of force, or fraud, against their customers or competitors. Government prosecution of any person or group for any other reason constitutes an act of despotism. And that is exactly what the Sherman and Clayton Acts have institutionalized: despotism.

The government does not know what's best for Microsoft, it's competitors, or me - the consumer of products in the markets Microsoft has entered. Everyone has the fundamental right to keep and dispose of the products of their labor. This means me, and this means Microsoft. If Microsoft wants to "bundle" its web browser on Windows, but not Netscape's browser, that is Microsoft's right. If Microsoft wishes to provide Original Equipment Manufacturers with Windows only when those OEMs agree to refrain from including a competitor's software, that is Microsoft's right. If other people or firms do not like Microsoft's manner of business conduct, they are free to refrain from doing business with Microsoft.

Government imposition on the non-coercive business policies of private citizens and companies represents a violation of the inalienable individual rights recognized and guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

Antitrust is an immoral, impractical system. Leave Microsoft alone.

Sincerely,

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